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FROM US REP MBFR

BEGIN SUMMARY: AD HOC GROUP ON OCTOBER 18 APPROVED REGULAR WEEKLY CHAIRMAN'S REPORT. WITH SUPPORT OF CANADIAN, UK, AND FRG REPS, US WAS ABLE TO GET AD HOC GROUP TO DELETE PARAGRAPH FROM BELGIAN DRAFT WHICH SAID THAT QUESTION HAD BEEN RAISED AS TO WHETHER US DRAFT OPENING STATEMENT WAS WITHIN THE TERMS OF THE NAC MANDATE (CM (73) 83 REV) AND SUBSTITUTE AN ANODYNE BRITISH SENTENCE FOR IT. TEXT OF REPORT AS APPROVED BY GROUP FOLLOWS. END SUMMARY.

BEGIN TEXT:

1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH 67 OF CM (73) 83 REVISED, THE FOLLOWING REPORT IS SUBMITTED, FOLLOWING CONSULTATIONS WITH OTHER MEMBERS OF THE AD HOC GROUP, AS THE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE AD HOC GROUP IN THE WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 14. THE MBFR AD HOC GROUP HELD SEVERAL MEETINGS AT NATO HEADQUARTERS ON 9TH, 10TH, 11TH, AND 12TH OCTOBER UNDER BELGIAN CHAIRMANSHIP. THE GROUP'S DELIBERATIONS WERE DEVOTED MAINLY TO THE THREE

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FOLLOWING SUBJECTS:

- A. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS IN VIENNA.
- B. REVIEW OF DRAFT OPENING STATEMENTS.
- C. PUBLIC INFORMATION POLICY.

2. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

THE GROUP DISCUSSED POSSIBLE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE FIRST PLENARY MEETING SCHEDULED FOR 30TH OCTOBER AT 1030 HOURS AND AGREED THAT, SUBJECT TO AGREEMENT BY THE WARSAW PACT, THE OPENING CEREMONY COULD BEGIN WITH A SHORT ADDRESS BY THE AUSTRIAN MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, TO BE FOLLOWED BY THE CHAIRMAN'S EXPRESSION OF THANKS ON BEHALF OF ALL PARTICIPANTS. AFTER THE DEPARTURE OF THE AUSTRIAN FOREIGN MINISTER THE DELEGATIONS WOULD BEGIN TO PRESENT THEIR OPENING STATEMENTS. IT WAS ALSO AGREED THAT THE FIRST PLENARY MEETING SHOULD PREFERABLY BE CHAIRED BY THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY WHOSE NAME IS NOW ON TOP OF THE LIST USED DURING THE PRELIMINARY TALKS. OPENING STATEMENTS SHOULD BE READ ACCORDING TO THE ENGLISH ALPHABETICAL ORDER. IF THE ROMANIANS CONTINUE TO PRESS FOR THE "INSCRIPTION" PROCEDURE, THEY COULD BE ALLOWED TO SPEAK OUT OF THEIR ORDER EITHER AT THE BEGINNING OR AT A LATER PLACE OF THEIR CHOICE.

IT WAS AGREED THAT MILITARY PERSONNEL ATTACHED TO DELEGATIONS AS WELL AS THE IMS AND SHAPE MEMBERS WOULD ABSTAIN FROM WEARING THEIR MILITARY UNIFORM EXCEPT INSIDE THEIR EMBASSIES ON SPECIAL NATIONAL OCCASIONS. THE QUESTION OF THE MILITARY REPRESENTATION TO THE PLENARIES WAS RAISED BY ONE DELEGATION. IT WAS AGREED THAT THIS WAS A MATTER WHICH SHOULD BE LEFT TO THE COUNCIL FOR DECISION.

3. REVIEW OF DRAFT OPENING STATEMENTS

THE GROUP REVIEWED AND APPROVED WITH ONLY A FEW MINOR CHANGES THE OPENING STATEMENTS BY CANADA, DENMARK, GERMANY, GREECE, ITALY, LUXEMBOURG, THE NETHERLANDS, NORWAY, AND THE UNITED KINGDOM.

THE US DRAFT WAS DISCUSSED AND A NUMBER OF COMMENTS WERE MADE. IT WAS AGREED THAT THE DRAFT WOULD BE FURTHER DISCUSSED IN VIENNA AFTER CONSULTATION WITH NATIONAL AUTHORITIES.

4. PUBLIC INFORMATION POLICY

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THE GROUP DISCUSSED C-M(73)80 ENTITLED "ALLIED PUBLIC INFORMATION POLICY" AND AGREED THAT IN RELATIONS WITH THE PRESS UNTIL THE 30TH OCTOBER SPOKESMEN SHOULD REFRAIN FROM DISCLOSING THE ESSENCE OF IMPORTANT THEMES OF THE NEGOTIATING APPROACH WHILE THE GREATEST CAUTION SHOULD BE EXERCISED REGARDING FIGURES FOR THE TIME BEING. GREAT CARE SHOULD BE TAKEN TO AVOID DISCREPANCIES BETWEEN WHAT IS SAID TO PRESS IN VIENNA, IN NATO HEADQUARTERS AND IN NATIONAL CAPITALS.

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